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REQUESTING COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SERVICE FOR PHILIPPINES AND ASEAN COUNTRIES

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PHILIPPINE FOREIGN SECRETARY
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TARY ROMULO'S AUGUST 9 MESSAGE TO DEPUTY SECRETARY

ROBINSON WHICH WAS DELIVERED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY THE
PHILIPPINE EMBASSY ON AUGUST 9:

"DEAR SECRETARY ROBINSON:

PERMIT ME TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO AN ITEM WHICH WE
FAILED TO TAKE UP WITH YOU DURING YOUR VISIT TO THE
PHILIPPINES ON AUGUST 6, 1976. THIS PERTAINS TO WHAT
DIRECTLY RELATES TO THE SUGGESTION OF SECRETARY OF STATE
HENRY KISSINGER ABOUT THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FROM
THE FIRST WORLD TO THE THIRD WORLD AND THE READINESS
OF THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GENERAL EFFORT
OF SUCH TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY ESPECIALLY IN THE MATTER
OF SATELLITES.

IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT YOUR ATS-6,
A SATELLITE WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY USED BY THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT OVER THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS AND ALASKA
FOR EDUCATION AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND LATER
TRANSFERRED TO INDIA FOR THE SAME PURPOSE, HAS NOW
BEEN DISMANTLED AND WILL BE PUT ALOFT IN THE PACIFIC
OCEAN, ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NOT
YET DECIDED WHERE TO PLACE IT. WE PROPOSE THAT THIS
SATELLITE BE PLACED OVER THE PHILIPPINES FOR USE OVER
THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION, ESPECIALLY THE COUNTRIES
WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF ASEAN. THIS WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT
ON ALL SOUTHEAST ASIA ESPECIALLY IN THE PHILIPPINES,
IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT EFFORTS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND
OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES TO ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF PROJECTS LIKE THE DIRECT DISSEMINATION OF INFOR-
MATION FOR FARMERS AND VILLAGERS AS WELL AS THE EDUCATION
OF CHILDREN DIRECTLY IN THEIR HOMES. I DO NOT NEED TO
EXPLAIN HOW THIS WOULD STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE RELATIONS OF THE UNITED
STATES AND ASEAN MEMBER-COUNTRIES.

I HOPE THAT YOU CAN TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY ON THIS
MATTER INASMUCH AS, I UNDERSTAND, A DECISION IS
IMMEDIATELY NECESSARY FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE ATS-6
SATELLITE TO THE PACIFIC REGION.

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WITH CORDIAL BEST WISHES AND WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,
I AM, SINCERELY, CARLOS P. ROMULO, SECRETARY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS. KISSINGER

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